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Free Child Safety Seat Clinic

The Beaverton Police Department, in partnership with Safe Kids Washington County, will be conducting a free child car seat clinic on Saturday, July 11, 2015 at the Beaverton Police Department located at 4755 SW Griffith Drive Beaverton, Oregon 97076. The clinic will run from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. The last vehicle will be accepted at 11:30 a.m. to allow the technicians to be finished by 12:00 p.m.

This clinic is designed to teach parents and caregivers how to properly install and use a child safety seat. A properly installed and used child safety seat will greatly decrease the chance of your child sustaining a serious or life threating injury during a motor vehicle crash.

Top Tips

- Seventy-three percent of car seats are not used or installed correctly, so before you hit the road, check your
 car seat. Here's a quick <u>car seat checklist</u> to help you out. It takes only 15 minutes. If you are having even
 the slightest trouble, questions or concerns, certified child passenger safety technicians are able to help or
 even double check your work.
- Learn how to install your car seat for free. Safe Kids hosts car seat inspection events across the country where certified technicians can help make sure your car seat is properly installed. They will teach you so that you can always be sure your car seat is used correctly. Find a Safe Kids car seat checkup event near you.
- Buy a used car seat only if you know its full crash history. That means you must buy it from someone you
 know, not from a thrift store or over the Internet. Once a car seat has been in a crash, it needs to be
 replaced.
- We know that when adults wear seat belts, kids wear seat belts. So be a good example and buckle up for every ride. Be sure everyone in the vehicle buckles up, too.
- Never leave your child alone in a car, not even for a minute. While it may be tempting to dash out for a quick errand, the temperature inside your car can rise 20 degrees and cause heatstroke in the time it takes for you to run in and out of the store.
 - See more at: http://www.safekids.org/car-seat#sthash.CUFl3GxH.dpuf

A certified technician will help parents and caregivers learn to install and use their child safety restraints properly. No appointment is required – just drop by during the event. Each car seat check will take about 30 minutes. Please note that the last car will be accepted at 11:30 a.m.

